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In re Application of  
MILTON  
Application No.: 09/273,021  
Filing Date: March 19, 1999  
Attorney Docket No.: MILT.777

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DECISION ON PETITION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 12, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed June 28, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. An extension of time of three months under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, by operation of law, the above-identified application became abandoned on December 28, 2006.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of a Notice of Appeal and an Appeal Brief; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action mailed June 28, 2006 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2176 for appropriate action, if any, on the reply in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3301.

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